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In re Application of	:	
Brian T. Murphy, et al.	:	
Application No. 10/669,692	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 25, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 6502-0259-04	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 23, 2009, to revive the above-identified application.

There is no indication that the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts. However, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to petitioner. Nevertheless, all future correspondence regarding this application file will be directed solely to the address of record until otherwise instructed.

It is not apparent whether the statement of unintentional delay was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Nevertheless, in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18, the statement is accepted as constituting a certification of unintentional delay. However, in the event that petitioner has no knowledge that the delay was unintentional, petitioner must make such an inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If petitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, petitioner must so notify the Office.


The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed October 14, 2008, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on November 15, 2008.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment, (2) the petition fee of \$1620, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642. All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2455 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received April 23, 2009.


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